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FALLING
HAIR

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SHOULDN'T OF BET ME YOU'D KILL A MAN AFORE I DID TODAY, IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BACK UP YOUR BET WITH PROOF, MISTER!

AHHGH-H-H-H!

ANDRU ESPOSITO



CHANCES ARE THAT HE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE OTHERS DRAWING FIRST... BUT THERE WERE OTHER TIMES... LIKE THE ONE IN THE MEXICAN BORDER TOWN... WHEN THE OWNER OF A GAMBLING JOINT WAS GOING HOME WITH HIS NIGHTS RECEIPTS...

ONE WAY TO BREAK THE BANK WITHOUT RISKING A DIME!



AND THERE WERE TIMES WHEN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH WAS ONLY A MATTER OF LUCK IN ESCAPING FROM A SHERIFF'S POSSE!



IT WAS AFTER SUCH A SERIES OF EPISODES THAT THE YOUNGSTER DECIDED TO SETTLE DOWN FOR AWHILE. THUS HE CALLED ON J.H. TUNSTALL, WHOSE RANCH WAS THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO...

HAD FATE NOT DECREED DIFFERENTLY, THE JOB MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TURNING POINT FOR THE BETTER IN THE LIFE OF YOUNG BILL BONNEY. HE WAS A GOOD COWHAND...

WORK, EH, YOUNG FELLOW? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

BONNEY. WILLIAM H. BONNEY.



BUT TROUBLE WAS TO CROSS YOUNG BONNEY'S PATH IN THE PERSON OF L. G. MURPHY, AN EX-ARMY MAJOR, RANCHER, STORE, SALOON AND HOTEL OWNER...

DRINK ALL YOU LIKE BOYS! WHEN YOU'RE DONE I GOT A LITTLE WORK FOR YOU!

HOORAY!

SET 'EM UP, BARTENDER! DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE!



WHILE THE DRINKING WAS GOING ON, MURPHY SAT AT A TABLE WITH SHERIFF JAMES A. BRADY...

WHAT YOU WANT DONE WITH THIS WRITE?

I WANT IT SERVED ON TUNSTALL. BUT, BY MY MEN, JIM, YOU CAN DEPUTIZE 'EM!

TUNSTALL'S M'SWEEN'S PARTNER, IF M'SWEEN OWES ME MONEY, SO DOES TUNSTALL AND HE'S NOT LIKELY TO DUCK BEING SERVED "NOT WHEN THE BOYS LEAVE THE BAR!"



ON THAT DAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1878, TUNSTALL, HIS FOREMAN, DICK BREWER, AND THE YOUNGESTER, WERE RIDING INTO TOWN ON BUSINESS...

LOOK, MR. TUNSTALL! WILD TURKEYS!

SEE IF YOU CAN GET ONE, BOYS! WE'LL TAKE IT TO MRS. M'SWEEN!



THE FLOCK OF TURKEYS FLUTTERED OFF AMONG THE THICKETS, WITH THE TWO AFTER THEM SO THAT TUNSTALL WAS ALONE, WHEN...

HELLO, BOY'S! WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT, EH?



THE ANSWER OF MURPHY'S MEN CAME FAST...

BLAM!

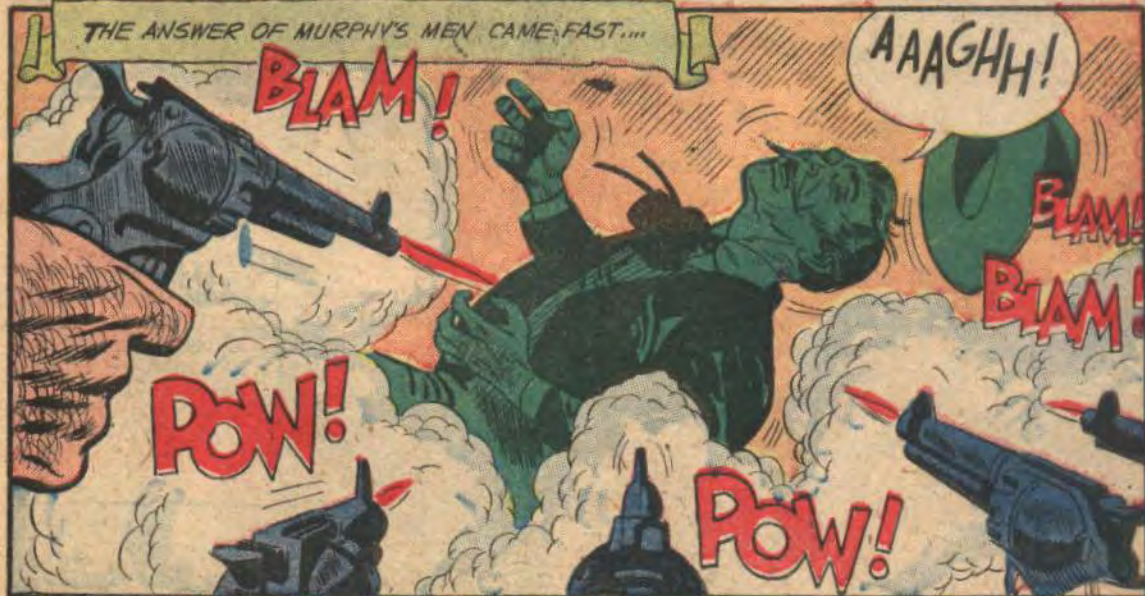
AAAGHH!

BLAM!

BLAM!

POW!

POW!



FROM A HILLTOP BILL BONNEY AND DICK BREWER HAD VIEWED THE MURDER. THEY WERE TOO FAR AWAY TO COME TO TUNSTALL'S AID, BUT...

THAT'S MURPHY'S GANG, DICK, AND I'LL GET EVERY LAST ONE IF I NEVER DO ANOTHER THING!

THE SCURVY 'DOGS! THEY EVEN HAD TO SHOOT TUNSTALL'S HORSE!

IT HAD BEEN MORE THAN A LEGAL MOVE OF COURSE. MURPHY HATED M'SWEEN AND TUNSTALL, BECAUSE THEIR SUCCESS WAS A CHALLENGE TO HIS POWER, AND HE HAD GIVEN THE DRINK FILLED MEN THE WORD. BUT THAT NIGHT IN THE HOME OF ALEXANDER A. M'SWEEN.

WE MUST FORGET REVENGE. THE LAW WILL TREAT WITH THOSE KILLERS!

NOT ME, MR. M'SWEEN. MR. TUNSTALL WAS MY FRIEND!



BILL BONNEY WASTED NO TIME. HE CAUGHT UP WITH FRANK BAKER AND BILLY MORTON, MEMBERS OF THE MURDER GANG, OUTSIDE LINCOLN AND KILLED THEM

ON APRIL 1ST, 1978, THE YOUNGSTER LED FIVE M'SWEEEN-TUNSTALL MEN, AND FORMED AN AMBUSH IN WHICH THEY KILLED SHERIFF BRADY AND DEPUTY GEORGE HINDEMAN, THE TWO OTHERS IN THE PARTY ESCAPED UNHURT.

BONNEY DID NOT RETURN TO LINCOLN UNTIL THE FOLLOWING JULY, WHEN HE HOLED UP AT M'SWEEEN'S RESIDENCE, ALONG WITH SEVERAL TUNSTALL-M'SWEEEN MEN. AT BREAKFAST M'SWEEEN CAME TO POINT WITH BONNEY...

BILL, AMBUSHING THE SHERIFF WAS A CRUEL, COWARDLY THING. YOU COULDN'T HAVE HURT ME MORE IF YOU TRIED.

SORRY, MR. M'SWEEEN. BUT... UH...

DUCK, EVERYBODY! IT'S THAT #@%!! MURPHY CROWD!



THEN A VOICE CALLED FOR YOUNG BONNEY... HE OPENED THE REAR DOOR A CRACK...

YOU MIGHT AS WELL SURRENDER, BONNEY! WE GOT THE PLACE SURROUNDED! IF YOU DON'T, EVERY DAD BLASTED ONE OF YOU DIES!



THAT'S MY ANSWER TO YOU BUNCH OF SIDE-WINDERS! IF YOU WANT ME, COME AND GET ME!





THE SHOOTING BEGAN AT ONCE AND LASTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY...

THIS IS A BAD KIND OF WAR, MR. M'SWEEN. NOBODY'S GETTING ANYWHERE. NOW TONIGHT, IF SOME OF US CAN SNEAK OUT AND RAID THOSE...

NO, BILL! WE SHALL FIGHT A DEFENSIVE WAR! I SHALL PRAY TO GOD FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THIS ATTACK!

BUT THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE M'SWEEN MEN GOT THROUGH A COUPLE OF SHOTS THAT REACHED HOME...



AHHGH-H!

Aiy-y-y I'M HIT!

THEN SUDDENLY ALL FIRING SEEMED TO BE STRIKING THE FRONT OF THE M'SWEEN HOUSE. AS THE MEN INSIDE WERE DRAWN TO THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE...



THAT DOES IT! SHE'LL BLAZE BEAUTIFUL...

LET ME GET A LITTLE MORE OF THIS COAL OIL ON HER!



SAY, DO YOU SMELL SMOKE?

SURE DO! THOSE #@@#!@# HAVE SET THE PLACE TO BURNIN'!

THERE WAS NO WAY TO STOP THE FIRE. EVERY SIDE OF THE HOUSE WAS A DEATH-TRAP TO ANYONE SHOWING HIMSELF, BUT...



THEY WILL NOT HARM A WOMAN, MY DEAR. YOU SAW THAT WHEN SARAH LEFT. SO GO, NOW... THIS IS GOODBYE, DARLING, SOME FRIEND WILL HOUSE YOU. PRAY FOR ME!

OH ALEX... ALEX...

AND SO THE MEN WERE LEFT... UNTIL ONE AT A TIME THEY TRIED ESCAPE... AND FAILED...



ARGH-H-H-H!

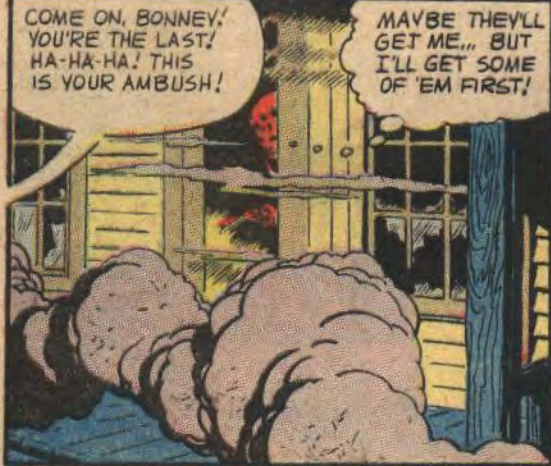
FINALLY ALL WHO WERE LEFT IN THE BLAZING HOUSE WERE BONNEY AND M'SWEEN. THE YOUNGSTER HELD OUT HIS GUN TO M'SWEEN. "MY BIBLE IS MY ONLY SALVATION," M'SWEEN SAID AND WALKED OUT TO HIS DEATH...



SHOOT IF YOU MUST! I AM NOT AFRAID TO DIE! AHGH-H-H!

COME ON, BONNEY! YOU'RE THE LAST! HA-HA-HA! THIS IS YOUR AMBUSH!

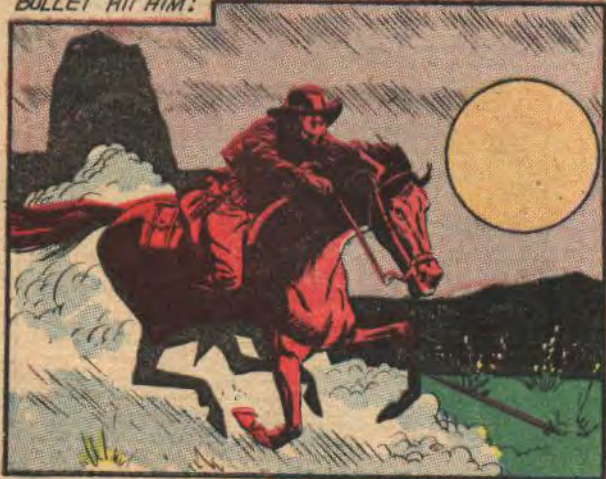
MAYBE THEY'LL GET ME... BUT I'LL GET SOME OF 'EM FIRST!



HE WENT INTO THE NIGHT WITH HIS GUNS BLAZING... RUNNING, FIRING... TWO OF THE MURPHY MEN FELL DEAD UNDER HIS FIRE... ANOTHER TWISTED IN AGONY FROM HIS PAINFUL WOUNDS...



FIFTY, PERHAPS A HUNDRED SHOTS WHIPPED THE DIRT ABOUT HIS FEET, TORE THROUGH HIS HAT, HIS SHIRT... BUT HIS TIME HAD NOT YET COME... NOT ONE BULLET HIT HIM!



HE ESCAPED UNHURT, THIS YOUTH, WHOSE FRIENDS LAY DEAD! FATE WAS TO ALLOW HIM THREE MORE RECKLESS YEARS. THEN HE WOULD DIE AT TWENTY ONE, WITH A NOTCH IN HIS GUN FOR EACH YEAR OF HIS LIFE. AND WHO WAS WILLIAM H. BONNEY? YES, YOU HAVE GUESSED CORRECTLY. HE WAS BILLY THE KID!



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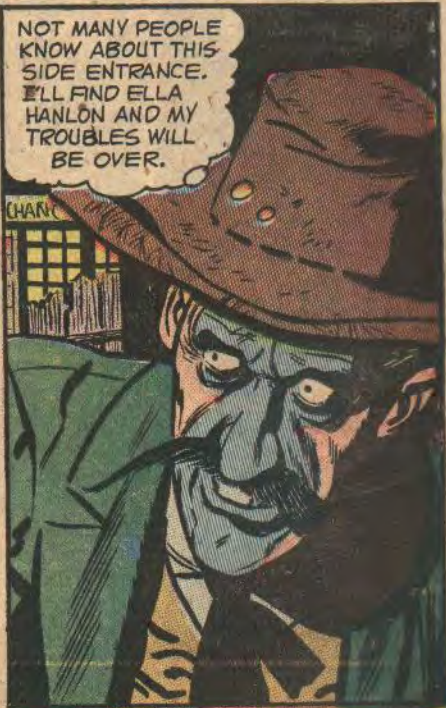
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HE WOULD RAISE HIS VOICE AND THE SMALL GROUP OF TRAVELERS WOULD BOW THEIR HEADS REVERENTLY, FOR THEY WERE PLAIN HUMBLE FOLK LOOKING FOR SALVATION. THEY LITTLE REALIZED THAT THE MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF THEIR PREACHER WAS ONLY A...

LONG WINDED KILLER





LISTEN! I JUST KILLED THE SHERIFF AN' ESCAPED FROM JAIL! YA GOT TO PUT ME UP, HONEY!

ARE YOU KIDDING BULL? THE COPS ARE RAIDING THE HOUSE I JUST BARELY MADE IT MYSELF!



OKAY! THERE'S A HOLE IN THE FENCE...DOWN BACK HERE! WE CAN SLIP DOWN TO THE LEVEE...

GEE,, TAKE IT EASY, BULL. YOU'RE YANKING MY ARM OUT!



THEY SPENT A COLD NIGHT IN THE RIVER GRASS. AND THE NEXT MORNING...

BUT, BULL, I DON'T WANT TO GO TO CALIFORNIA! IT'S...TOO FAR...

I AIN'T LEAVIN' YOU HERE TO PUT THE LAW ON ME! THEY CAN ONLY HANG ME ONCE...SO MAKE UP YOUR MIND...



THEY FOLLOWED THE RIVER, EATING WHEN AND HOW THEY COULD, WEARING CALLOUSES ON THEIR FEET...

THREE WEEKS, AND LOOK AT US! I WISH I HAD NEVER MET YOU, BULL!

YOU SHUT UP! LOOK YONDER!



ARE YOU SORRY, DEAR, THAT WE GAVE UP OUR CHURCH TO MOVE TO THE WEST? IT WILL MEAN HARDSHIP AND SUFFERING...

AND THE NEED OF A CHURCH, RUSSELL, OUT WHERE THE MEN ARE PIONEERING. THEY NEED YOU THERE, AND I WANT TO GO WHEREVER YOU GO. ...LOOK, DEAR... AHEAD OF US...



ARE YA TRAVELIN' WEST, MISTER? CAN WE GO ALONG WITH YA?

THERE AREN'T ENOUGH PROVISIONS TO TAKE YOU ALL THE WAY, BUT YOU LOOK WEARY. WE CAN TAKE YOU TO INDEPENDENCE.



I'M SURE AT INDEPENDENCE YOU'LL FIND SEVERAL WAGON TRAINS FORMING. IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO FIND SOMEONE WILLING TO TAKE YOU ALONG, IF YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP WITH THE WORK.

OH, SURE! WE'D HELP WITH THE WORK ALL RIGHT!

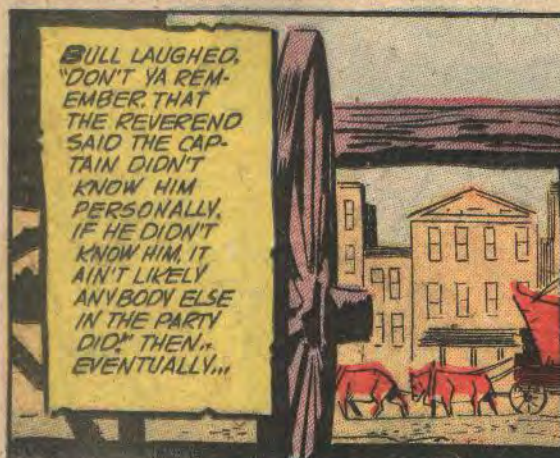


BULL AND ELLA BURIED THE ILL-FATED PARSON, AND HIS WIFE AND SET OUT, BULL IN HIGH SPIRITS, BUT ELLA PUZZLED...



I AIN'T BULL KINGFIELD ANYMORE, AND YOU AINT ELLA HANLON! IM THE REVEREND RUSSELL CHATTERTON, D.D. AND... YOU'RE MY WIFE, PRUDENCE! IT SAYS SO HERE IN THE BOOK! WE'RE GOIN' WEST WITH CAPTAIN HATHAWAY!

GOLLY!... BUT... SUPPOSE SOMEBODY KNOWS THAT THERE PREACHER?



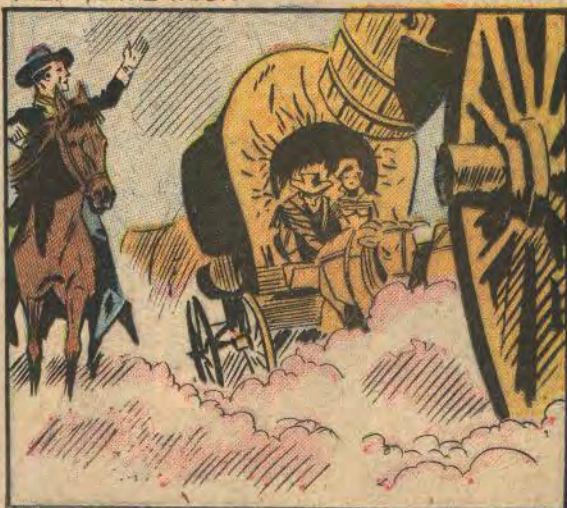
WELL, HERE WE ARE IN INDEPENDENCE, PRUDENCE! NEXT THING TO DO IS FIND THE CAPTAIN!

GOSH, IT'S EXCITIN'! BULL... ER... I MEAN, RUSS... RUSSELL, THAT IS!

THEY FOUND CAPTAIN HATHAWAY'S PARTY OUTSIDE THE TOWN



AND SO, ON THAT MORNING IN JUNE, 1849, THE LONG JOURNEY TO CALIFORNIA WAS BEGUN, SO ALSO, BULL KINGFIELD AND ELLA HANLON BEGAN CARRYING OUT ONE OF THE CRUELEST, MOST HYPOCRITICAL HOAXES IN THE HISTORY OF THE GREAT TREK TO THE WEST.



AND OVER THE TEDIOUS WEEKS AND MONTHS OF TRAVEL WHILE OTHER MEN SLAVED AT THE THOUSAND MENIAL, DIFFICULT TASKS THAT FACED THOSE PIONEERS, BULL SAT AND READ AND STUDIED. BULL'S SERMONS GOT BETTER AND BETTER, AS HE CAUTIONED MEN TO PRAY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SINS...

BUT HIS CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT WAS THE PERFORMANCE OF A MARRIAGE CEREMONY FOR A YOUNG COUPLE, MEMBERS OF THE PARTY...



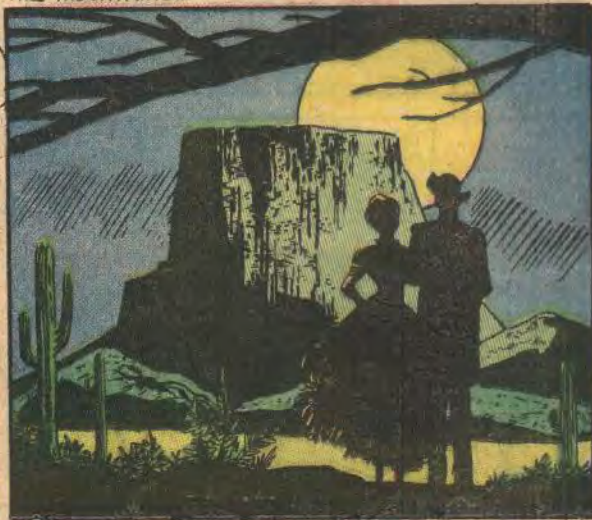
YOU "WHAT?

BULL WATCHED AND BIDED HIS TIME, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY DID NOT SHOW UNTIL THEY REACHED THE MOUNTAINS. THEN...

ELLA WAS FLATTERED BY BULL'S SUDDEN ATTENTION TO HER, TOGETHER THEY WALKED OUT TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS...



'T'WILL BE A RIGHT FINE SIGHT, REVEREND.



THEY CLIMBED FOR
HALF AN HOUR AND...

BY THUNDER, LOOK AT
THAT DROP! HERE, I'LL
HOLD YOUR HAND WHILE
YOU LOOK, PRUDENCE!

NO... I'M
SCARED
TO LOOK,
BULL!

THEN, WHY DON'T YOU
TAKE A TRIP DOWN
AND SEE WHAT IT'S
LIKE? HA-HA-HA!

EEEEEE
EEEEEE
EEEEEE

QUICK! QUICK! COME
QUICK! MY DARLING
PRUDENCE HAS JUST
FALLEN OFF THE EDGE
OF A CLIFF!

THE MEN OF THE CAMP
FOLLOWED BULL...

THERE SHE IS!
THERE SHE IS!
MY DARLING!

DON'T DARLING ME **BULL
KINGFIELD!** YOU PUSHED
ME OFF THAT CLIFF, BUT
A SHRUB BROKE MY FALL!

HE'S A KILLER
CAPTAIN... AND SO
AM I! WE KILLED
THE REAL REVEREND
CHATTERTON AND HIS
WIFE... AND WE TOOK
THEIR PLACE... UH...
...OH...

ELLA FELL BACK AND DIED. BULL TURNED AWAY!
ALL THE HATE FOR ELLA SHOWING IN HIS FACE BUT...

YOU'RE NOT GOIN'
FAR MISTER... NOT
VERY FAR...

WHY
YOU...

THE
COMPANY
HELD
A TRIAL
FOR BULL
KINGFIELD
THEN AND
THERE...
AND THE
VERDICT
WAS...
DEATH
BY
HANGING!

THAT OUGHT TO BE
DEEP ENOUGH FOR
THE GRAVE, MEN!
WE'LL BURY 'EM
TOGETHER!

SO ENDED THE CAREERS
OF BULL KINGFIELD AND
ELLA HANLON. THE REST
OF THE JOURNEY WAS MADE
BY THE PARTY WITHOUT
THE BENEFIT OF KING-
FIELD'S STIRRING SERMONS.
BUT CAPTAIN HATHAWAY
DID RIGHT WELL, HIMSELF.
HIS SERMONS WERE SHORT
AND ENCOURAGING, AND
FOLKS KNEW EVERY WORD
THE CAPTAIN UTTERED
WAS TRUE AND FROM
THE HEART!

PRACTICAL JOKE

by Lafe Charles



They tell a lot of stories about the old Wells Fargo company and a lot of them are just made-up. But did you ever hear the one that the old timers tell around the Mother Lode country about Wells Fargo's practical joker?

Seems that he was a schoolteacher. He had been an officer in the Civil War and then along about 1875 had drifted out West where he wasn't good for much except teaching school. In appearance, he might have been a banker, though. He always dressed well, kept his gray mustache trimmed and his wiry body in good shape. He was a high-class, educated, dapper and intelligent middle-aged man who had only one failing—he loved practical jokes.

That's how his connection with Wells Fargo came about—as a sort of a joke.

One evening he was jogging along the road after school when he heard the stage slipping its wheels down-grade beyond a turn ahead of him. The driver of the stage was a friend of his, and he thought it would be a good joke to give the fellow a scare. So he hid his horse in the bushes, tied his kerchief over his face, and broke off a mesquite branch about the size and shape of a pistol.

When the stage came alongside, he stepped out into the road and ordered the driver to halt. There wasn't any shotgun man aboard by a freak of luck, and the driver looked really scared, so the Joker yelled, "Throw out the box!"

That driver just reached down and pulled out one of those old-fashioned Wells Fargo bullion boxes from under the seat and heaved it over. Then he grabbed his whip and laid one on the horses and rattled out of there fast. The fake highwayman with the fake pistol was left standing in the road with a treasure that wasn't fake at all. There was about two thousand dollars worth of gold in the box.

The Joker must have done some heavy thinking at that point, because that marked the

beginning of a career of crime that lasted for eight years before he was caught, and during which he held up Wells Fargo thirty times without ever firing a shot.

He must have reasoned that if he could get in two minutes what it took him two years to get by teaching school, then he ought to quit being a professor and take up the traveling life of a "road agent," as the lone bandits of the trail were called. Anyway, he stuffed the gold in his saddlebags and struck out for San Francisco.

The Joker played it smart in Frisco. He put up at a little low-priced hotel, banked his loot, and did nothing for a long time except to see to it that word got around that he was a mining man who had a small income from diggings he had to visit from time to time.

Actually, of course, he was working on his next haul from Wells Fargo while he was in town, and when he was out of town he was pulling one of his practical jokes. He would hang around a mining town until he heard about a gold shipment. Then he'd lay for the stage. Not once did he fire a shot or rob a passenger. The real joke was that he was living off of the reputation of the road agents who did shoot and kill.

He only took Wells Fargo boxes. It went on for years. You'd think the Wells Fargo detectives would have trailed him; that they would have put an Eastern man on every important shipment and trapped him. Well, they did. He outwitted them every time.

A good part of his success was due to the way he'd approach the stage. He always stepped out in front of it at a place in the road where the going was slow. He would keep the heads of the lead horses between himself and the driver and guard until they threw down their guns. Then he'd have the team unhitched.



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SENSATIONAL RESULTS REPORTED IN CURBING

PIMPLES

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WITH A SONG ON HIS LIPS AND IN HIS HEART, HANK FERGUSON WENT HAPPILY ON HIS WAY TO THE CROSBY RANCH... AND MERRY CROSBY. BUT BEFORE HE REACHED HIS DESTINATION, HE WAS TO FIND HIMSELF RIDING DOWN THE...

TRAIL OF VENGEANCE

IT'S TRUE, HANK WORE A WEEK'S GROWTH OF BEARD AND HE WAS COVERED WITH ALKALI DUST. BUT EXCEPT FOR THE COST OF VICTUALS, AND A FEW DOLLARS DROPPED IN THE CHUCK-A-LUCK GAME IN TOMBSTONE, HANK HAD STASHED AWAY A YEAR'S PAY IN THE TOMBSTONE BANK, AND WAS NOW ON HIS WAY TO MAKE MERRY CROSBY HIS WIFE. BUT SUDDENLY...

WHOA!
WHOA,
SPEC!
STEADY!

REACH FOR THE
SKY, STRANGER!
NEXT TIME WE
DON'T MISS!

ANDRU
ESPOSITO

GET OFF YORE HORSE,
STRANGER! TAKE HIS
GUNS, BOYS!

NOW SUPPOSE YOU
TELL US WHERE
YORE GOIN' MISTER!

I DON'T
RECKON
IT ANY OF
YOUR
BUSINESS!

YOU KNOW YORE
ON PRIVATE GROUND,
AND IT AIN'T HEALTHY
FOR YOU. YOU BETTER
TELL US WHY YORE
HERE AN' WHERE
YORE GOIN' AN'
QUICK!

I'M HERE BE-
CAUSE THIS
IS A FREE
COUNTRY AN'
UNFENCED
LAND IS OPEN
TO ALL! AND...
AS FOR WHERE
I'M GOIN' IT STILL
NONE O' YOUR
BLAMED BUSINESS!



WHY YOU BLASTED
MEEDLIN' COYOTE!
I'LL FIX YOU...

OW-W-W-W!



SO THAT'S
HOW YOU
WANT IT,
EH?

OOO000f-



IT WAS A GOOD
FIGHT AND HANK
WAS HOLDING
HIS OWN IN
SPITE OF THE
ODDS AGAINST
HIM, WHEN...

THE WADDY DIDN'T PASS OUT COM-
PLETELY, BUT FOR A MOMENT HIS
SENSES SWAM AND HIS ARMS
RELAXED THEIR TENSION...



RED, TAKE OVER
HERE, WHILE I
GET A FIRE GOIN'!

HANK KNEW WHAT IT MEANT
AND A COLD SWEAT BROKE
OUT ON HIS BROW. HE HEARD
THE CRACKLING OF BURNING
WOOD AND SOON...



I GUESS THIS'LL GIVE YOU
SOMETHIN' TO REMEMBER
HOMBRE!

HOLD 'IM FAST
BOYS. HE AINT
GONNA LIKE
THIS NOHOW!

WITH A COLD LIGHT IN HIS EYES, THE ONE BEARING THE IRON PRESSED THE METAL DOWN ON HANK'S CHEST. AN ODOR OF SEARING FLESH PERMEATED THE AIR. THROUGH THE COWHANDS BODY INDESCRIBABLE PAIN REACHED EVERY NERVE AND...

DON'T! DON'T!
MY GOD, STOP IT!



NOW YOU GOT THE 'VALLEY RANGE OUTFITS' BOY-N BRAND ON YOU SO YOU WON'T FORGET IT! THE NEXT TIME YOU SHOW UP HERE, YOU GET IT IN LEAD! NOW GIT!



I SAID TO GIT HOMBRE!
THAT MEANS TO GIT!

YEAH, I HEAR YOU. I NEED A MINUTE TO COLLECT MYSELF!

AND TO REMEMBER EVERY BLASTED FACE HERE! BECAUSE WE WILL MEET AGAIN... ON MY TERMS!



HA-HA! SO LONG STRANGER! REMEMBER US AGIN WITH A VISIT!

YEAH! NEXT TIME YUH WANT TO BE ROASTED!



HANK REACHED THE CROSBY RANCH ABOUT AN HOUR LATER. BY THAT TIME HE WAS ALMOST DELIRIOUS FROM THE PAIN OF HIS BURNS...

FRED! FRED CROSBY!
...MERRY! ...HELP!





HELLO...ANYONE HOME? MERRY!

MUST HAVE GONE TO TOWN!

HANK DRAGGED HIMSELF TO THE KITCHEN WHERE, RUMMAGING ABOUT, HE FOUND A CAN OF LARD...

GOTTA...TRY TO HELP MYSELF... HELP...MYSELF...



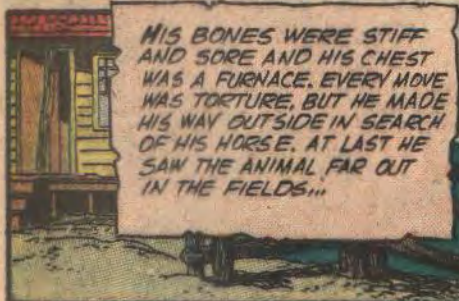
HE FOUND A COUCH IN THE PARLOR AND DROPPED ON IT. NIGHT WAS A TORTURE AND IN DELIRIUM FROM PAIN HE CALLED ALOUD...

DON'T... DON'T... DON'T... DON'T...



TOWARD MORNING HANK FELL INTO A STUPOR FROM EXHAUSTION. WHEN HE AWOKE IT WAS BROAD DAYLIGHT. HE CALLED FOR THE CROSBY'S BUT THERE WAS STILL NO ANSWER...

SOMETHIN' IS WRONG...MIGHTY WRONG!... GOTTA FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!



HIS BONES WERE STIFF AND SORE AND HIS CHEST WAS A FURNACE. EVERY MOVE WAS TORTURE, BUT HE MADE HIS WAY OUTSIDE IN SEARCH OF HIS HORSE. AT LAST HE SAW THE ANIMAL FAR OUT IN THE FIELDS...



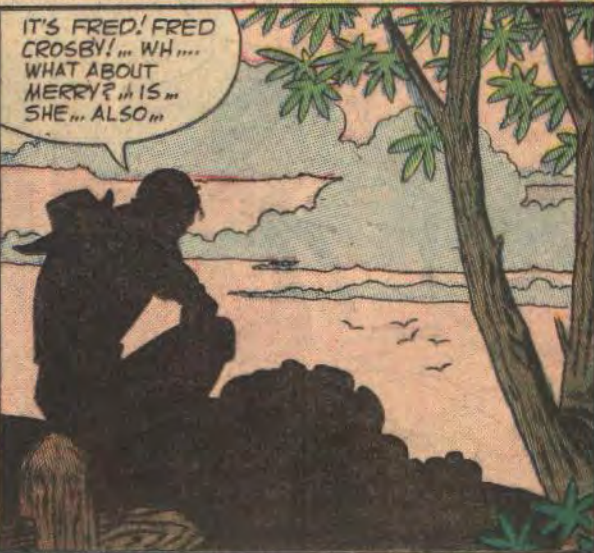
SPECK! SPECK, COME HERE!

SUDDENLY AS HE MADE HIS WAY, HANK LOOKED DOWN BEFORE HIM WITH SHOCKED EYES!



IT'S... IT'S... A GRAVE!

HE FORGOT HIS INJURIES, FORGOT EVERYTHING BUT THE GRAVE BEFORE HIM, AS HE DUG THE SOFT EARTH FURIOUSLY WITH HIS HANDS...



IT'S FRED! FRED CROSBY!... WH... WHAT ABOUT MERRY?... IS... SHE... ALSO...

HANK SEARCHED THE IMMEDIATE GROUNDS BUT FOUND NO OTHER GRAVE. HE KNEW HE WAS GROWING WEAK, COULD HOLD OUT LITTLE LONGER. HE GOT ON HIS HORSE AND RODE TO THE NEAREST NEIGHBOR, GEORGE BIGELOW, TWELVE MILES AWAY...

IT'S FRED... CROSBY... DEAD...D
...UHHNNNN...

MAN, YOU'RE IN BAD SHAPE!

BIGELOW CARRIED HANK INSIDE THE HOUSE, AND PUT HIM TO BED...

HANK WAS OUT OF HIS MIND FOR A DAY. AT LAST, HE CAME TO...

MRS. BIGELOW WILL BE BACK FROM TOWN SOON, HANK... UH... HE'S UNCONSCIOUS. DIDN'T HEAR A WORD I SAID!

GOT TO GET UP, GEORGE. TROUBLE OVER AT THE CROSBY RANCH...

I KNOW! YOU RAVED ABOUT IT IN YOUR DELIRIUM! IT'S THE VALLEY RANGE OUTFIT! THEY BEEN SCARIN' SMALL RANCHERS OFF THEIR LAND. THEM AS WON'T BUY FOR KROGER'S PRICE GET'S WHAT FRED GOT!

GUESS I'M NEXT ON THE LIST! SENT MY WIFE INTO TOWN TO LIVE YESTER DAY. RECKON I'LL GIVE 'EM A FIGHT LIKE FRED DID.

THANKS TO YOU I'M A SIGHT BETTER, GEORGE. DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH! I'M A GOIN' TO THE VALLEY RANGE NOW, IF YOU LOAN ME A COUPLE OF VORE SHOOTIN' IRONS!

HANK KNEW HIS CHEST WAS A MESS OF RAW MEAT, BUT HE DRESSED AND WENT OUT. AT THE VALLEY RANGE HE FOUND STEVE KROGER, OWNER, AT THE RANCH HOUSE...

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED AN EXTRA HAND MR. KROGER! I MIGHTY HANDY WITH A SHOOTIN' IRON, BUT I'M HAVIN' A BIT OF TROUBLE WITH THE LAW... I SHOT A MAN...

HMMM... WELL, NOW...

"SEE JAKE APPLETON, MY FOREMAN... ON THAT SHELF OF LAND AT THE PASS!" KROGER SAID. BUT BEFORE HANK COULD REPLY...

HELP! HELP! LET ME OUT!

HAVE TO EXCUSE MY DAUGHTER. GOT UNRULY... LOOKED HER UP... UH, SAY... WHAT'S THE SHOOTIN' IRON FOR?

FOR YOU, KROGER UNLESS YOU RAISE 'EM FAST!

THERE WAS A DEADLY COLDNESS IN HANK'S EYES. KROGER DID NOT ARGUE, BUT LED HANK UPSTAIRS...



OH HANK! HANK! THANK GOD! THEY... THEY KILLED DAD! KROGER VOWED TO TAME ME! YOU KNOW HE NEVER WOULD HAVE! I'D HAVE DIED FIRST!

I KNOW HONEY... UH... WAIT, THOUGH...



OH HANK, HANK!! THANK HEAVENS YOU CAME!

LISTEN, DEAR! THERE'S NO TIME NOW... EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! TAKE MY HORSE AND RIDE BACK INTO TOMBSTONE AND STAY AT THE HOTEL UNTIL I COME!



WHEN MERRY HAD LEFT, HANK FOUND A HORSE IN THE CORRAL. THE HE RODE OUT TO THE PASS...

KROGER SENT ME OUT HERE TO WORK WITH YOU... TOLD ME TO SEE JAKE APPLETON.

JAKES IN TOMBSTONE TODAY... BUT WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MISTER? SEEMS SOMEHOW YOU LOOK VERY FAMILIAR!



THEN, WITH LIGHTNING DRAW, HANK FERGUSON WENT INTO ACTION...



INQUIRY IN TOMBSTONE, LED HANK TO A SALOON...



**WITH A ROAR OF RAGE JAKE APPLETON SPRANG AT HANK FERGUSON AND TOGETHER THEY GRAP-
PLED IN A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE**



AND BROKE HIS NECK...



THE BUILDING ITSELF TREMBLED FROM THE FORCE OF THEIR BLOWS ON ONE ANOTHER... AND THEN HANK CAUGHT HIS OPPONENT IN A HEADLOCK...



WHEN THE SHERIFF CAME, HANK SHOWED HIM HIS BRANDED CHEST AND TOLD HIM OF FRED CROSBY'S MURDER.

THEN HANK AND MERRY FOLLOWED HIM, BOTH RIDING ON SPEC, BECAUSE HANK WOULD NOT USE KROGER'S HORSE.

AND ALTHOUGH THEIR HEARTS WERE HEAVY AS THEY RODE INTO THE CROSBY RANCH, THEIR NEED FOR EACH OTHER WAS GREATER, AND THEIR LOVE EVEN STRONGER.

THE END

The time came, though, when he wasn't fast enough. One day a boy got on the stage to ride a short way out to a patch of ground where the hunting was good. He had his squirrel rifle with him, and when he came near the hunting ground he swung off while the stage went on around the next curve where the joker was waiting for it.

The boy heard the sound of the sledge being used on the box and thought it meant that the stage had broken down and the driver was making repairs, so he went on around the curve. At that moment the Joker was making off down the road with the loot in a sack in his hand. The driver yelled that it was a holdup and the boy kneeled down and drew a bead on the running figure of the Joker. There was the crack of the gun and the Joker grabbed at his wrist where the bullet hit him and tore off the shirt cuff. But he got away.



In due time, however, that startched cuff got into the hands of Ben Thorne, the famous sheriff of Calaveras County. Ben took one look at it and spotted a laundry mark he knew was a big-city mark.

That did it. He went right to San Francisco. There the Morse Patrol got on the job, making the rounds of the laundries. In a few days there were two men who called at a little low-priced hotel to see a respectable old gentleman who wore a neatly-trimmed mustache and said he was in the mining business.

The two men asked the mining man to accompany them to an office where they said they had some ore samples in which he might be interested. He went along.

The door they went into in that side street in San Francisco turned out to be a private entrance to the Wells Fargo building. The mining man turned out to be the Joker, and the Wells Fargo people knew it. After he had been confronted with all of the information they had developed, he confessed. They put handcuffs on the prisoner, in spite of the fresh bullet scar on one wrist where the flesh was still tender.

When the Joker's case came up for trial, there was evidence and a confession for only one robbery, the last one. Despite all the Wells Fargo legal talent could do, nothing but suspicion could be developed beyond that one holdup, so the judge had to be content with the mild sentence of just six years in San Quentin for the Joker.

Well, the six years passed without any more practical jokes of the old familiar kind being played on the Wells Fargo stages. And when they let the old boy out of prison, he laughed and said that after all he guessed the joke had been on him. Then he disappeared.

You might think the story they spin about the Joker would end there, but it doesn't. It wasn't more than a few days later when a lone gunman began to stop the Wells Fargo stages again, ducking behind the lead horses as soon as he popped out on the road. His disguise wasn't the same as the Joker's had been, and he didn't use the same gun or tools, but insofar as the Wells Fargo detectives were concerned he might as well have left calling cards.

It was the Joker, all right.

The Wells Fargo people knew that fine style all too well, so they had their operatives tapping respectable old gentlemen who wore neatly-trimmed mustaches until they tapped the shoulder they wanted. They asked the Joker to come have a talk with them.

"Look," they said, "we are not accusing you of anything. We are just interested in your welfare. We are afraid that if you don't find something to do that you like, you'll become a road agent again."

The Joker allowed as how he might.

So right then and there the Wells Fargo people put down the Joker's name on their books as a *retired* company agent and started paying him a regular pension of two hundred dollars a month! But by making him report to them every week where he was and what he was doing in order to draw his pension, they had the last laugh. Yes sir, the old fellow used to say, *they played a real practical joke on him.*

ROY WARREN MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL, WHEN HE PAIRED UP WITH PARSON MADISON, AND HE LEFT HIMSELF WIDE OPEN TO A...

DEADLY DOUBLE CROSS



FATE WOVE THE PATHS OF THE TWO MEN INTO A STRANGE PATTERN, SET WIDE APART, YET BOUND TO CROSS. IT WAS TWO YEARS LATER WHEN...



ALL RIGHT, GET YOUR HANDS UP, ALL OF YOU...



NOW PITCH DOWN THAT BOX OF GOLD YOU'RE CARRYING TO THE CLAYTON BANK!



AS FOR YOU! I SAID TO GET YOUR HANDS UP!

AIYY-Y-Y
AARGH-H...



EEEEEE!
JIM!
JIM!



OH, YOU CRUEL... CRUEL!... YOU'VE KILLED MY HUSBAND...

PULL HER OFF ME, ONE OF YOU...



LOOK AT HIM... EVERYBODY! LOOK AT HIS FACE! REMEMBER THAT MURDERER!

ONLY ONE THING NOW-BOYS! LET 'EM HAVE IT!



MASSACRE

POW!

POW!

POW!

POW!

DON'T LEAVE
ONE OF 'EM
ALIVE FOR A
WITNESS!

AIV-YVY!!

AAGHHH!

BLAM!
BLAM!

POW!
POW!

POW!
POW!

**BUT THE SHOOTING SCARED THE
HORSES...**



AFTER IT! STOP
THOSE HORSES!
THE GOLD'S
STILL ABOARD!



YOU DURNED
TRIGGER-HAPPY
FOOL, PARSON!
WHY'D YOU HAVE
TO START THE
KILLIN' ANYWAY!
THERE AIN'T NO
CHANCE OF HEAD-
IN' OFF THAT
STAGE NOW..
IT'S TOO DURNED
RISKY!

NOT NOW, WE
CAN'T GET 'EM!
BUT IF ONE
OF YOU SADDLE
BUMS HAD HELD
THE NAGS, THIS
WOULDN'T
HAVE
HAPPENED!





A WEEK LATER, PARSON MADISON RODE INTO TOWN. IN TWO YEARS ROY WARREN'S PATH HAD TAKEN A DIFFERENT TWIST, BUT THEIR PATHS WERE ABOUT TO CROSS AGAIN...

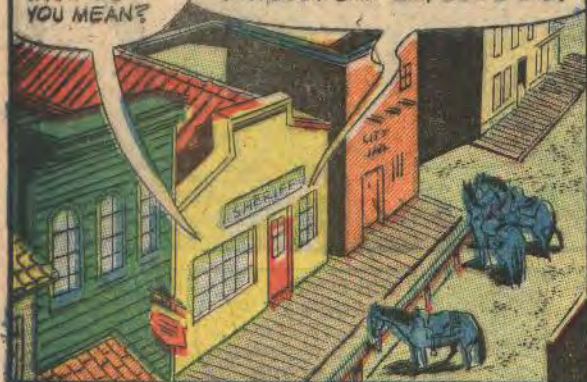
PARSON! DOGONNE! WHAT BRINGS YOU IN HERE?

YOU OWE ME A FAVOR, WARREN... BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE! I CAME TO DO YOU ANOTHER FAVOR...



YOU'VE GOT A CRAFTY LOOK ABOUT YOU, PARSON. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

JUST WHAT I SAY. I KNOW WHO HELD UP THE CLAYTON STAGE AND I CAN HELP YOU TO NAB THE ONES THAT DID IT! THEY DON'T THINK ANYBODY SAW 'EM, BUT I DID!



SAY... YOU COULDN'T HAVE HAD A HAND IN THAT JOB, TOO, COULD YOU?... YOU'VE EARNED A KIND OF REPUTATION...

WELL... IF YOU WANT TO PUT IT THAT WAY. BUT HOW COULD YOU PROVE IT? NOBODY KNOWS HOW MANY THERE WERE... AND I CAN HELP NAB THE OTHERS.



YOU SEE, I'M MEETING THEM IN TOWN TOMORROW! I CAN LEAD 'EM RIGHT INTO YOUR HANDS. AND... THERE'S AN ELECTION COMING UP! ... UNDERSTAND?

HMMMM! YOU MAYBE HAVE SOMETHING... OKAY, I'LL GO ALONG. HOW YOU'RE GOIN' TO STAY IN THE CLEAR, WHEN THEY SEE YOU HAVE A HAND IN THEIR ARREST, I JUST DON'T SAVVY!



THE PARSON SMILED AT THAT. JUST SMILED. ANYWAY AT SUN-DOWN THE FOLLOWING DAY THREE MEN UNSADDLED THEIR HORSES AT THE J.B. CORRAL AT THE END OF TOWN. THREE KNOWN ROAD AGENTS THEY WERE, TOO: ED BOLAND, NICK RICHARDS, BUCK FIELD...



WARREN WAITED WITH PARSON MADISON, JUST OUTSIDE. AS THE THREE ROAD AGENTS EMERGED...

REACH HIGH, YOU THREE! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR MURDER AT THE CLAYTON STAGE.

WHAT? "SO THAT'S IT... PARSON'S RATTED!"

YOU WON'T TAKE US... NOT ALIVE!





BUCK FIELD WAS STILL ON HIS FEET. HE MADE A DESPERATE TRY FOR THE CORRAL...



WELL, THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO, PARSON. THEY DREW ON US... I RECKON IT PUTS YOU IN THE CLEAR... AND SORT OF PAYS BACK THE FAVOR I OWE YOU!

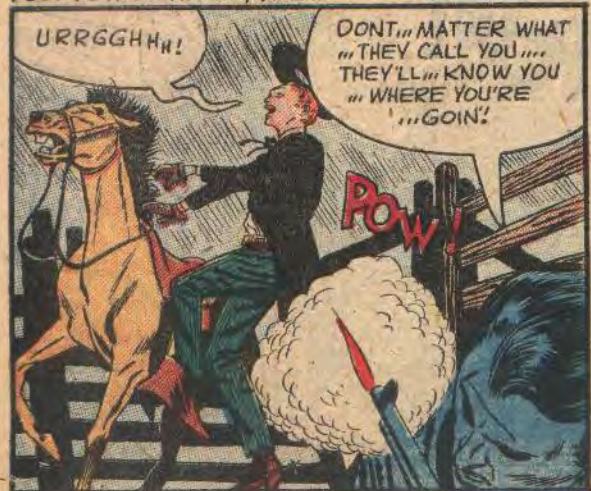
THERE'S ONLY ONE SMALL MATTER, SHERIFF!



YOU'RE THE ONLY WITNESS LEFT WHO KNOWS I WAS MIXED UP IN THE CLAYTON STAGE! SORRY, BUT...



PARSON MADISON LAUGHED AND WALKED CONFIDENTLY TO HIS HORSE. "THEY DIDN'T REALLY MEAN IT WHEN THEY NAMED ME 'THE PARSON,' WARREN. THEY MEANT I LOOKED MORE LIKE THE DEVIL." THEN HE PUT HIS FOOT TO HIS STIRRUP AND...



IN THE END, IT ALL EVENED UP. YOU CAN'T FIGHT EVIL WITH MORE EVIL, NOT UNLESS YOU'RE PREPARED TO PAY THE PRICE. FOLKS WERE HURRYING OUT FROM TOWN NOW, BUT THERE WOULD BE NOBODY THERE TO GREET THEM. THEY WOULD HAVE TO DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS.

THE END.



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